



SEMINOLE COUNTY TRAILS AND GREENWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**April 24, 2003
Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Bill Fernandez
Wiley Dykes
John Penney
Tony Tizzio
Cindy Gennell
Jim Avitabile
Tim Donihi
Pat Burkett
Lisa Giltner

Staff in attendance:

Cindy Matheny
Jeff Hayes
Joe Gasparini
Jeff Hayes
Heidi Terry

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M.

Mr Fernandez made a motion to approve the March minutes; seconded by Ms. Gennell; approved unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2003-2004:

Ms. Gennell made a move to acknowledge that Tony Tizzio was elected President and Roger Cooper Vice President by acclamation; seconded by Mr. Fernandez; approved unanimously.

Related Reports:

BPAC:

Mr. Donihi had a question about the use of the trails after dark. Ms. Matheny countered that because of the lack of lighting and other liabilities the use of the

trails after dark was not permitted. Mr. Gasparini noted that he would research the exact county and municipal policy on this issue.

Natuaral Lands:

Pat Burkett noted that the BCC rejected purchasing Clifton Springs (Yarborough Nature Center). The venture was not feasible.

FNST:

Mr. Dykes updated the committee on a proposed land purchase near Lake Mills.

Bike Issues:

No report

DRC:

Cindy Matheny reported on "Lake Jesup woods" a planned subdivision which wanted to dedicate right-of-way for trails before construction.

Coordination and Planning:

Cindy Matheny reported that Suzy Goldman, Director of Seminole County Library and Leisure Services, will take the "Adopt a Trailhead" resolution to the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners to gain approval.

Joe Gasparini stated he would present an outline and duties for that kind of organization at the next regular meeting. The process should not require further involvement of the BCC. Volunteers would have to go through an interview process.

OGT/FDOT:

No report

Design and Construction:

Ms. Matheny reported that the Board will accept the deed on the Trailhead at Lake Crescent Drive in the second week of May.

She also reported that the I-4 Pedestrian Bridge at this point only lacked the cables, which are to be installed next week, and some cosmetic touches. The grand opening of the bridge is scheduled for June 9, 2003, and the committee will receive invitations.

Ms. Matheny updated the committee on the Flagler Trail. Mr. Dykes asked about the Flagler Trail bridge over the Econlockhatchee River. Ms. Matheny will research the matter and give an update at the next scheduled meeting.

Old Business:

Tim Donihi reminded the Committee to bring some ideas about a signage and security sub-committee to the next regular meeting.

Tim Donihi congratulated Tony Tizzio on his election to chairman.

Tim Donihi stated his interest in participating in "Friends of the Trails" sub-committee. Mr. Dykes added that the Florida Trailblazers maintain such a volunteer group.

New Business:

The Formation of a sub-committee to implement the mission statement was postponed to the next regular meeting.

The I-4 Grand opening was previously discussed. Committee members will receive invitations to that event which will be held on June 9, 2003 at 9:30 A.M.

Tim Donihi introduced a PowerPoint presentation which he created in collaboration with staff members. This presentation will be available for use by all committee members if needed.

The Committee viewed the updated trails public service announcements that were created by Full Sail.

Tony Tizzio remarked that he would research broadcasting these on local public TV stations through Brighthouse Cable Company. He will also try to have them broadcast during his talkshow for the disabled.

Mr. Donihi walked the Committee through printed copies of the presentation (plans to secure a projector for this meeting proved futile).

Mr. Donihi asked if staff could provide him with a schedule. Ms. Matheny assured him that staff would provide a schedule for all committee members as soon as it was completed. The schedule will also be available on the trails website.

Discussion was held over the design specifics of trailheads. Ms. Giltner stated that committee members should have some input on the design process.

Mr. Donihi had questions on the upcoming construction of the S.R. 434 Overpass. Mr. Dykes added that there were some problems with an eagle.

Ms. Matheny assured committee members that she would get updates by the next regular meeting.

Mr. Donihi stated that he had problems with the Ethics Commission about financial statements that he and Ms. Giltner did not file. Staff had researched this matter and handed documents over to Mr. Donihi. Also he was referred to Gretchen Walker at the BCC.

Bill Fernandez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tony Tizzio; approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. It will be a field trip to the I-4 Trail Overpass and the Markham Trailhead site.